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REMARKS

I Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-3 are currently pending. Claims 4-6 and 8-11 remain withdrawn. Claim 1 has

been amended to recite the limitations of Claim 12. Support for the new claim can be found

throughout the specification, for example in paragraph [0173] of the publication of the present

application. Claim 12 has been canceled. No new matter has been added.

II Novelty

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by

Reilly (US 5,383,858). The Examiner has indicated that Claim 12 recites allowable subject

matter and would be allowed if written in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to

include all the limitations of Claim 12, and is therefore identical to the language of Claim 12 as

written in independent form. Claims 2 and 3 depend on Claim 1. Therefore, the pending claims

are allowable and the rejection should be withdrawn.

In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 821.04(a), as Claim 1 is now allowable, applicant requests

consideration of withdrawn Claims 4-6 and 8-11, as they are all dependent on Claim 1.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections are respectfully requested.

Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited. If any points remain that can be resolved by

telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-given telephone

number.

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